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The Honorable Susan Illston
District Court Judge
Northern District of California
Federal Building, 17th Floor
450 Golden Gate Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: *United States v. Juan Herrera-Santos*, CR 07-0764 SI

Your Honor:

Mr. Herrera-Santos is currently scheduled for a status hearing before the Court this Friday, April 25, 2008 at 11:00.

I have met with my client, and it is his intention to enter an open plea to the Section 1326 charge in the current indictment. If it convenient for the Court to accept his plea on the 25th, he has been prepared for the plea colloquy on that date and has completed the Probation referral materials. Please note that Mr. Herrera-Santos is in custody and requires the assistance of a Spanish interpreter.

If that is not a convenient date, the parties will be seeking another date to enter a change of plea when we return on the 25th.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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